

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 16, 2003

Division: District 1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Proclamation declaring April 2003 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Child abuse is a national tragedy that takes the lives of three children everyday and affects millions of children and families every year. It is a community problem and preventing child abuse depends on the involvement of all people throughout Monroe County.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

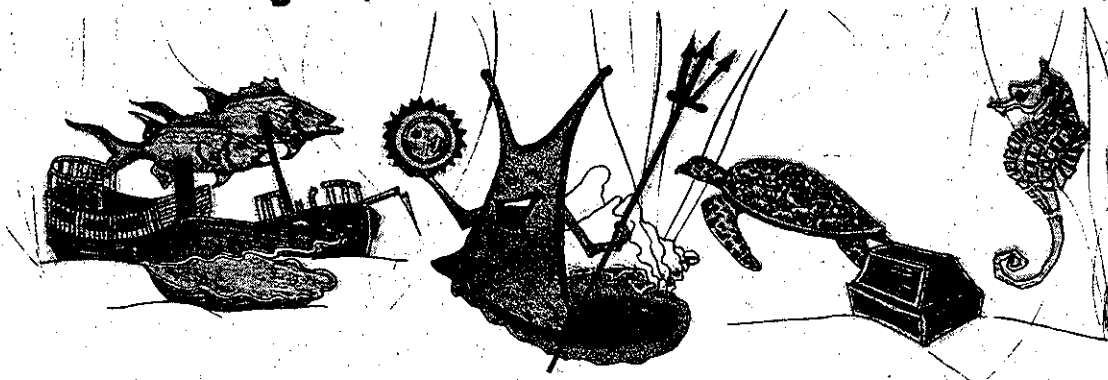
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

Dixie M. Spehar
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # B8



Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, we know that our children are our most valuable asset; and

WHEREAS, we know that child abuse hurts and that no child is to blame for the abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy that takes the lives of three children every day and affects millions of children and families every year; and

WHEREAS, the impact of abuse is greater than its immediate, visible effects, and survivors of child abuse and neglect may be at greater risk for problems later in life that affect not only the child and family, but society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is therefore a community problem and preventing child abuse depends on the involvement of all people throughout Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the key to preventing child abuse and neglect is community support of parents and families so that children can be raised in healthy, competent, productive, caring and nurturing homes; and

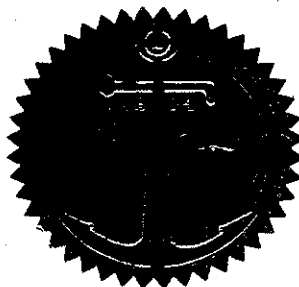
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2003 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

And call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase participation in their efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 16th day of April, 2003.



Dixie M. Spehar
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar